

 There are persistent rumors that martial law will be declared in South Korea on 25 June or shortly thereafter.*

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2. There is also a rumor that a faction within the South Korean military establishment feels that now is the time for the South Korean army to invade North Korea. The theory is that the Chinese Communist forces in Manchuria are now reduced and could provide only token support to the North Korean People's Army at this time.*

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* Comment. Efforts are being made to confirm or deny this information.

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